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AARC Calls for the Suspension of Tariffs on U.S. Imports and Strengthened Regional Cooperation

In response to the recently imposed tariffs by the United States on global imports, the Albanian-American Relations Council (AARC) urges Kosovo, Albania, Montenegro, and North Macedonia to take proactive measures by suspending all tariffs on U.S. goods. Currently, the U.S. has imposed a 10% tariff on imports from Albania, Kosovo, and Montenegro, while North Macedonia faces a significantly higher 33% tariff.

We commend President Osmani of Kosovo for her leadership in swiftly proposing a suspension of tariffs on U.S. imports. This initiative is a strategic step toward deepening economic ties with the United States and aligns with broader foreign policy objectives. We encourage the government of Kosovo to move forward with the adoption and implementation of this policy without delay.

Furthermore, AARC calls upon the governments of Albania, Montenegro, and North Macedonia to follow Kosovo's lead by eliminating tariffs on U.S. imports. Such a unified approach would not only reinforce the commitment of these nations to economic cooperation but would also send a powerful message to both the United States and the European Union about their ability to engage in constructive regional collaboration.

In addition to suspending tariffs, we urge these four nations to work together in crafting a comprehensive joint proposal for the United States. This proposal should aim to foster an integrated and dynamic economic environment that attracts greater U.S. investment. By presenting a unified front, these countries can create a larger, more competitive market that enhances economic opportunities, stimulates growth, and solidifies long-term trade relationships with the United States.

Beyond economic benefits, such an initiative would demonstrate a shared commitment to the values of free trade, open markets, and strategic alliances—principles that are central to both U.S. partnerships and European Union integration efforts. Increased cooperation and economic alignment with the U.S. could further bolster these nations' positions as valuable contributors to the transatlantic community.

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AARC stands ready to support initiatives that promote economic stability, regional prosperity, and stronger diplomatic relations between the Western Balkans and the United States. We urge policymakers in Kosovo, Albania, Montenegro, and North Macedonia to seize this opportunity to reinforce their ties with the U.S. while demonstrating their commitment to regional unity and economic progress.